

Please see **3 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) ELPA Initial Screening Pre-K Cycle Now Open, 2) Spring 2013 ELPA Updates and Reminders and 3) Transition from ELPA to WIDA.

### 1) ELPA Initial Screening Pre-K Cycle Now Open

The ELPA Initial Screening Pre-K Cycle is now open on the BAA Secure Site. The Pre-K Cycle is specifically geared toward Pre-K students entering districts during Kindergarten round-up. This cycle requires that Pre-K students take the Listening and Speaking domains only. As a reminder, raw scores should be entered by the Test Administrator or ELPA Coordinator into the BAA Secure Site by clicking on the ELPA Screener Entry tab. For instructions, please refer to the ELPA Initial Screening Test Coordinator Manual available at [www.michigan.gov/elpa](http://www.michigan.gov/elpa). Districts have until **Friday, July 26, 2013** to input scores into the BAA Secure Site. The last day to order Pre-K Cycle materials is **Friday, July 12, 2013**. Level I materials from the previous Screener cycle may be used for the Pre-K Cycle. Before making a decision and entering a student as LEP in MSDS, please refer to the Entrance and Exit Protocol located at [www.michigan.gov/elpa](http://www.michigan.gov/elpa).

### 2) Spring 2013 ELPA Updates and Reminders

#### **2013 Spring ELPA Testing Window and Materials Return Reminders**

The 2013 Spring ELPA testing window closes on **Friday, April 12, 2013**. If additional ancillary materials are needed, please remember to enter your orders into the BAA Secure Site no later than **5:00pm EST on Friday, April 26, 2013**. Once your district has completed testing, please return materials to Questar as soon as possible. Materials should not be returned to the BAA, if so, they will not be scored and will accumulate a late fee. The deadline for returning materials is **Friday, April 19, 2013**. Materials postmarked after the return deadline will incur the following late fees:

Fee Charged for...	When Materials are Shipped...			
	On or before deadline	1-7 days after deadline	8-14 days after deadline	15+ days after deadline*
Late shipment (per school)	–	\$250	\$250	–
Late processing <sup>1</sup> (per answer document)	–	–	\$25	–
Missing barcode (per answer document)	\$10	\$10	\$10	–
Missing secure test materials (per item)	–	–	–	**

*\* All schools will receive reports, EXCEPT for schools that ship materials 15 or more days after the deadline.*

*\*\* Although no late fee or processing fee will be charged, all materials MUST be returned. Failure to return*

*materials may result in a substantial fine levied against the school by the Michigan Department of Education.*

### **Spring 2013 ELPA Materials Return Instructions For Students with Approved Exemptions**

When returning materials for students who received exemptions approved by BAA, please follow these instructions:

- Materials for students who attempted at least 1 domain (Listening, Reading, Writing, or Speaking) should be returned with the scorable materials.
- Materials for students who have an approved exemption from all domains should be returned with the non-scorable materials.

### **3) Transition from ELPA to WIDA**

The Michigan Department of Education has recently approved the transition to the assessment system linked to the state's newly-adopted World-Class Instructional Design & Assessment (WIDA) English Language Development (ELD) Standards for English learners (ELs).

This new assessment system includes a paper-pencil summative assessment, the ACCESS for ELLs (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State), which will replace the current summative Spring English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). Additionally, a new paper-pencil screener, the W-APT (WIDA ACCESS Placement Test) will replace Michigan's current ELPA Initial Screening (Screener) for the purposes of aiding in the identification of students who are potentially eligible for Limited English Proficient (LEP) services.

It is expected that the W-APT will be in use by districts beginning this August with the summative ACCESS for ELLs used as the annual assessment for the Spring of 2014.

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) and the Office of Field Services (OFS) are working to develop professional development and training opportunities surrounding the new standards and assessments for educators. Please look for this calendar of events as well as for more information about the transition in the near future. Direct any assessment related questions to BAA at 1-877-560-8378, option 7 or e-mail [baa@michigan.gov](mailto:baa@michigan.gov).

### **Questions?**

For assessment questions, please email [baa@michigan.gov](mailto:baa@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option. Please remember that spring ELPA questions should be directed to Questar (menu option 5); however, ELPA Screener questions should be directed to BAA (menu option 7).